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2. (amended) A composition comprising 40 wt % to 99.5 wt% of [a member selected from the group consisting of cellulose acylate, cellulose diacylate, cellulose triacylate and ethyl cellulose; 0.5 wt % to 60 wt% of an amphiphilic triblock copolymer surfactant consisting of ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-ethylene oxide, and [an] a single organic solvent, wherein [the cellulose member and the amphiphilic surfactant exhibiting a solubility] the ethyl cellulose and the surfactant are each soluble in the solvent.

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Add new claims 5 -11 as follows:

5. The composition according to claim 2, wherein the molecular weight of the surfactant is 2200 to 15,000.
6. The composition of claim 2 wherein the ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-ethylene oxide comprises on a molar basis 3 to 20 moles of ethylene oxide.
7. The composition of claim 2 wherein the ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-ethylene oxide comprises on a molar basis 45 to 80 moles of ethylene oxide.
8. The composition of claim 2 wherein the ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-ethylene oxide comprises on a molar basis 50 to 110 moles of ethylene oxide.
9. The composition of claim 2 wherein the ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-ethylene oxide comprises on a molar basis 70 to 130 moles of ethylene oxide.
10. The composition of claim 2 wherein the ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-ethylene oxide comprises on a molar basis 110 to 170 moles of ethylene oxide.
11. The composition of claim 2 wherein the ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-ethylene oxide comprises on a molar basis 3 to 20 moles of ethylene oxide.

REMARKS

In accordance with usual practice, the filing fee is calculated based on the foregoing amendment.

Support for the amendment to claim 2 reciting the triblock copolymers can be found in the specification at pages 5 and 6. Reference to the single solvent may be

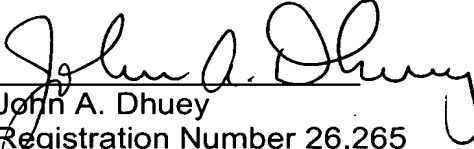
found, inter alia, at page 3, lines 5-10 and Example 5 of the specification. Claims 5 - 11 have been added directed to the specific limitations of the surfactant that find support at page 6, lines 4-11.

Claim 2 is considered patentable over the reference Buxton et al., US 5,601,845, which reference was cited during the prosecution of the parent application. Buxton et al. does not describe the amphiphilic triblock surfactants, i.e., ethylene oxide-propylene oxide-ethylene oxide, of Applicants' invention, and does not limit the composition to one having a single solvent in which both the ethyl cellulose and the surfactant are soluble. It is noted that Example 1 of Buxton et al., the only example in the reference, describes the use of Tween 80 in an ethyl cellulose coating applied from a solvent mixture of dichloroethane and methanol. Accordingly, the disclosure of Buxton et al. does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 2. It does not anticipate the claim; neither does it render it obvious.

Early passage to issue of the present application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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